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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - THE 1980s WILL BE A MORE PRECARIOUS TIME FOR THE U.S. MILITARY THAN THE 1970s OR 1960s, ACCORDING TO ADM. STANFIELD TURNER, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. THE THREAT WILL COME FROM GROWING SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH AND REDUCED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE FREE WORLD, TURNER SAID MONDAY IN A SPEECH AT THE SAN FRANCISCO PRESS CLUB.

TURNER ADVOCATED PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES THAT MUST BE INFORMED OF THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES AND FREE THE CIA FROM SOME PROVISIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

THE BILL WOULD ALSO BAR THE DISCLOSURE OF THE IDENTITIES OF CIA OPERATIVES OVERSEAS AND PROTECT CIA SECRETS FROM DISCLOSURE DURING COURT HEARINGS.

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